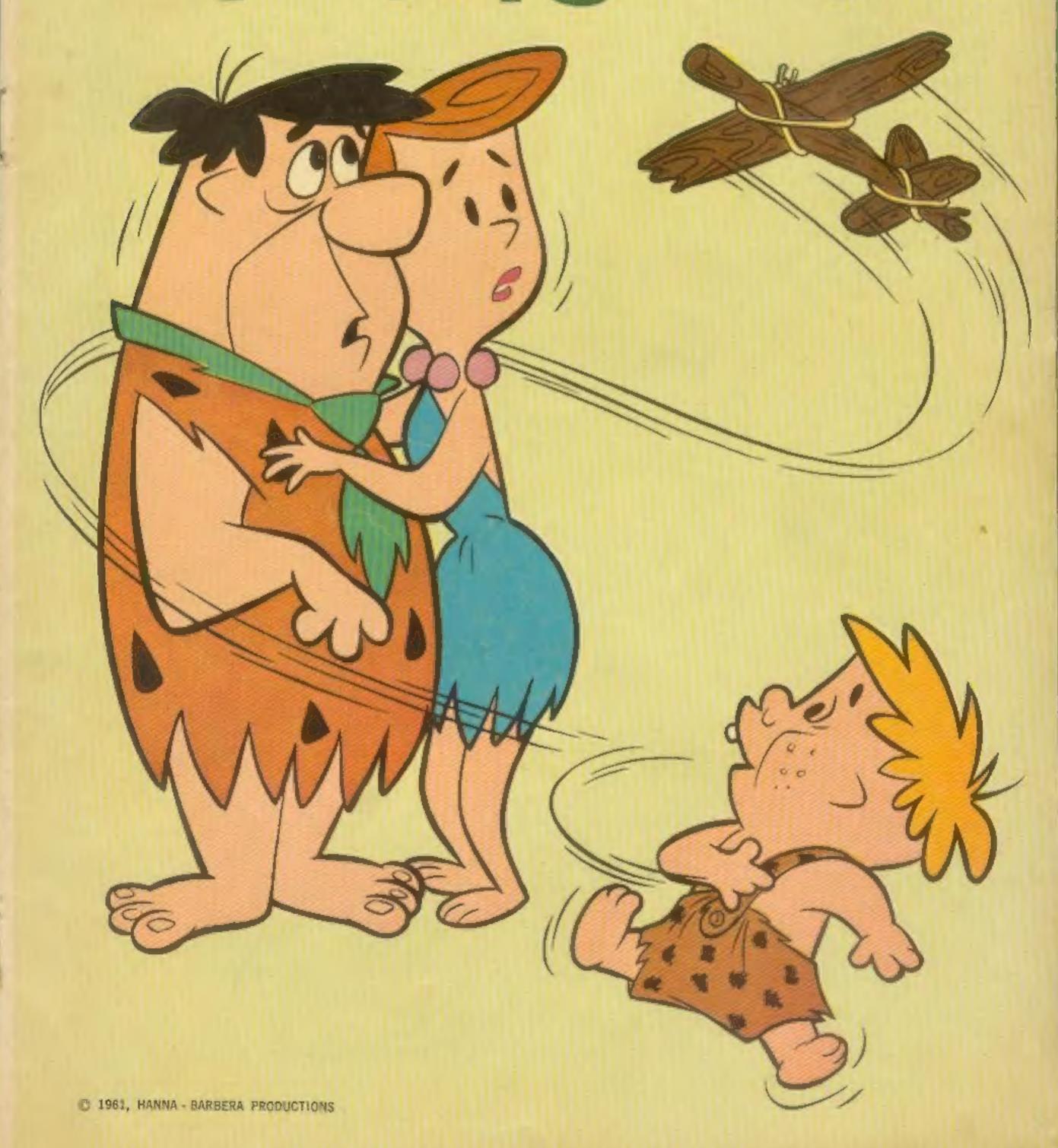
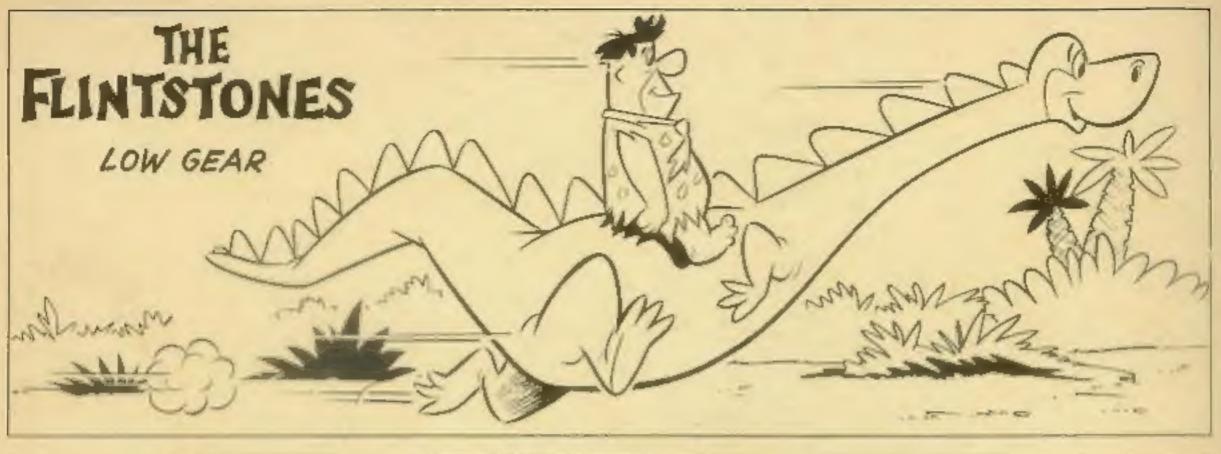


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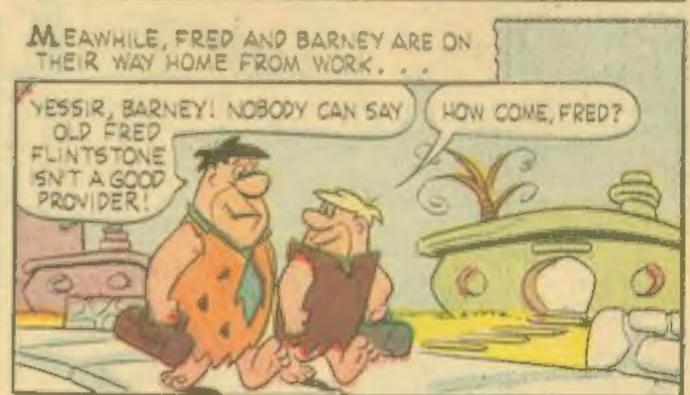


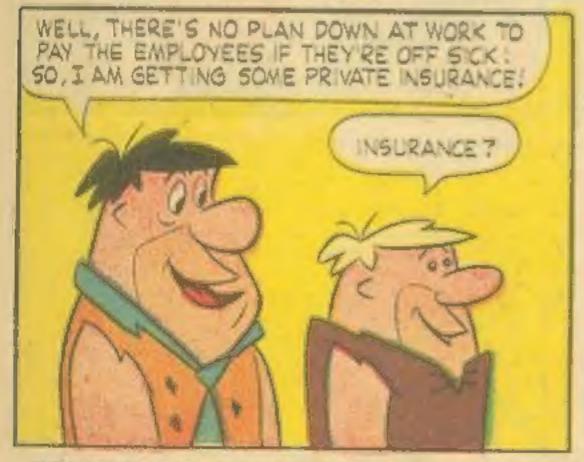


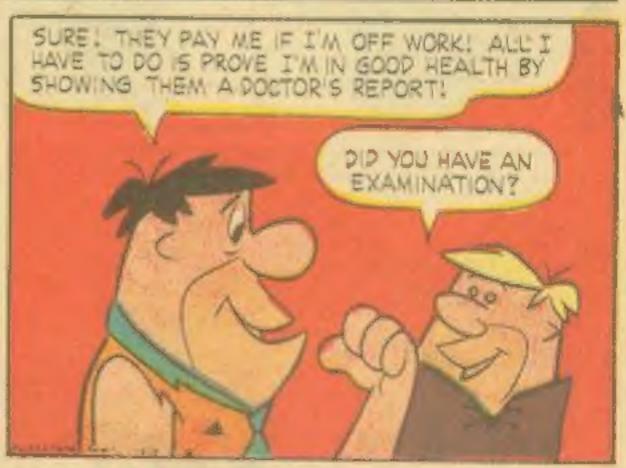












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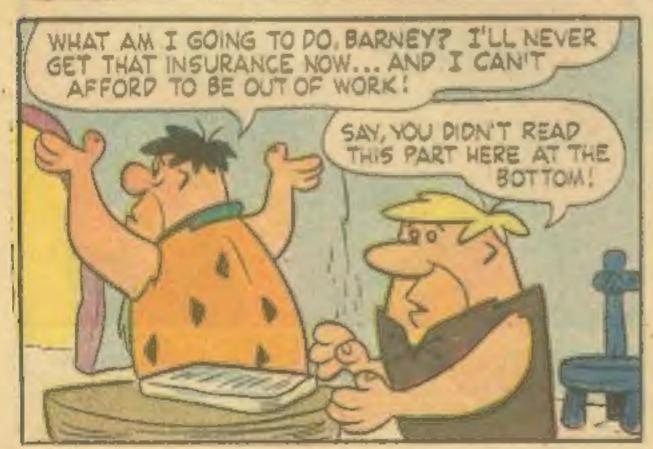


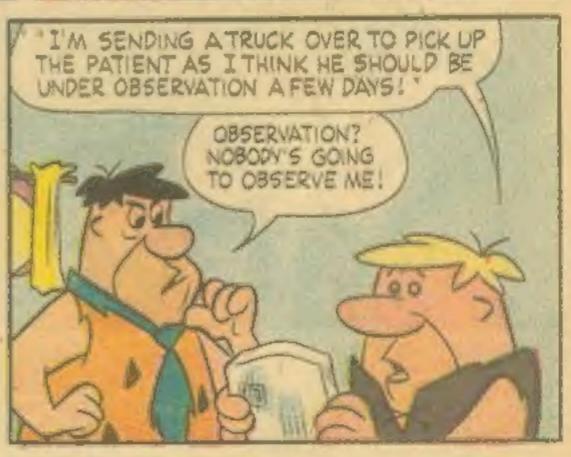
















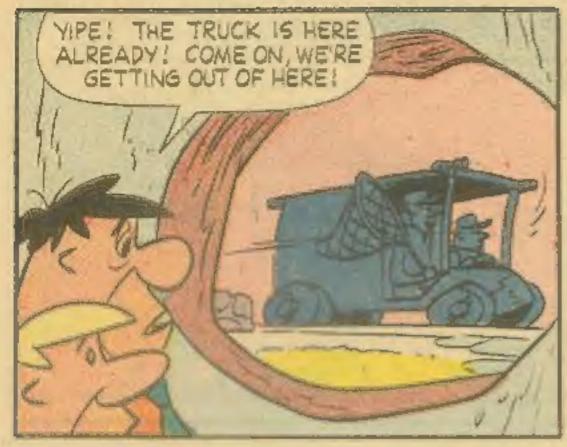








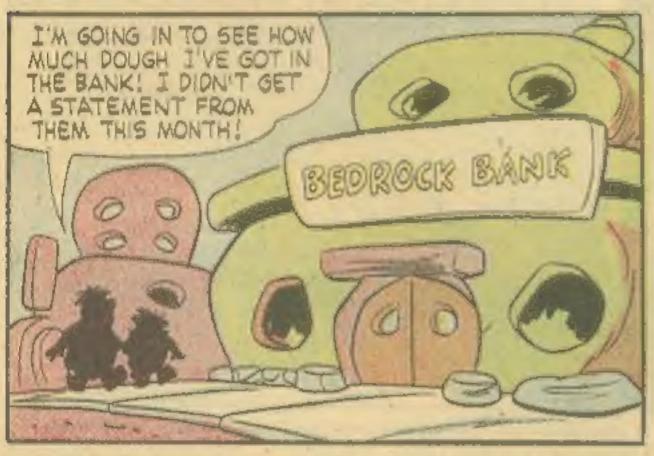


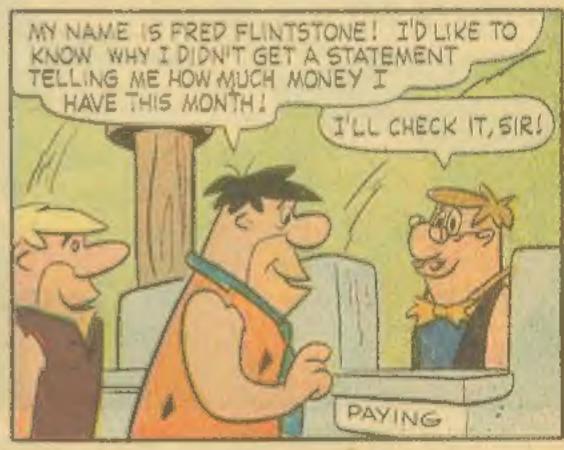


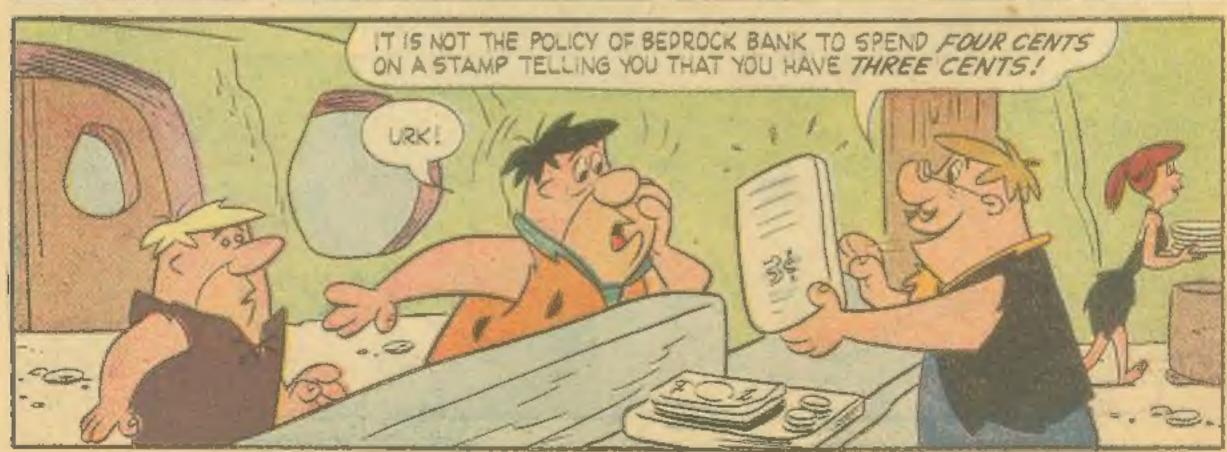
















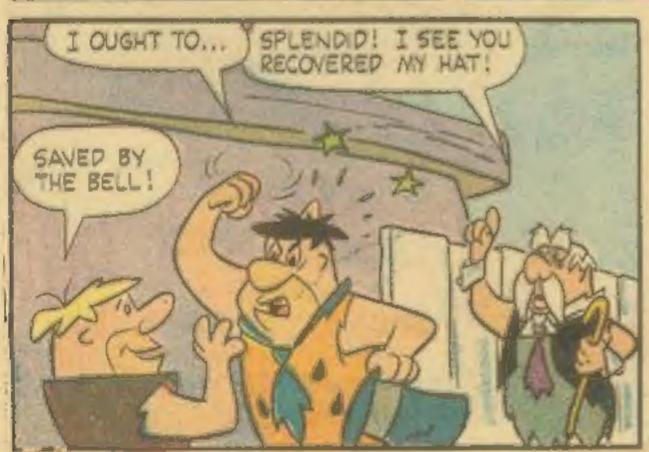


















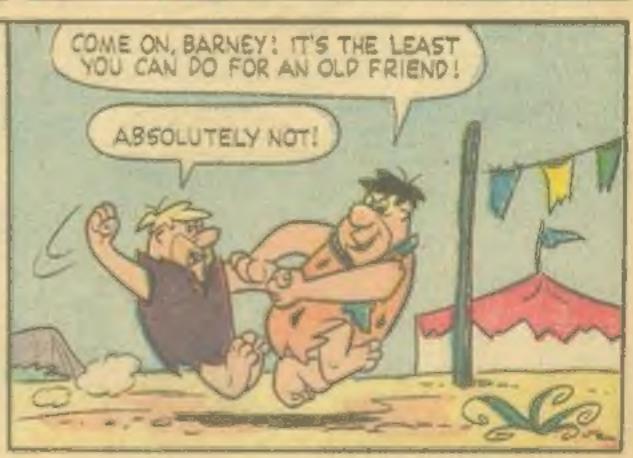






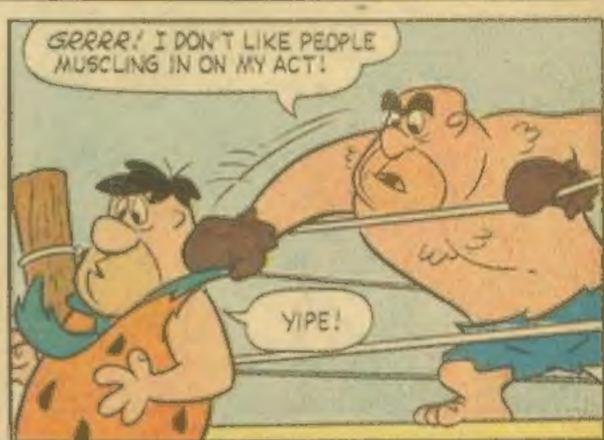
































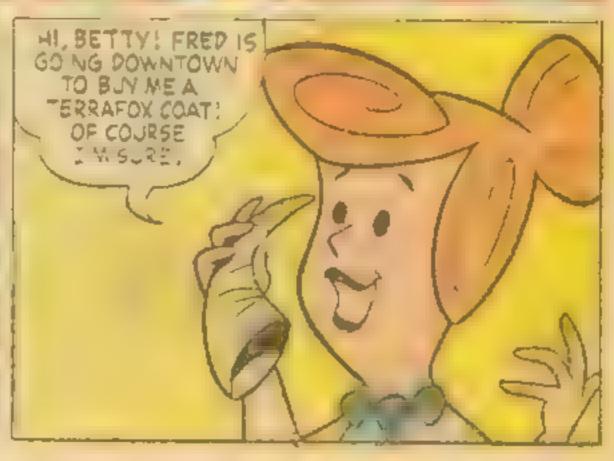
















































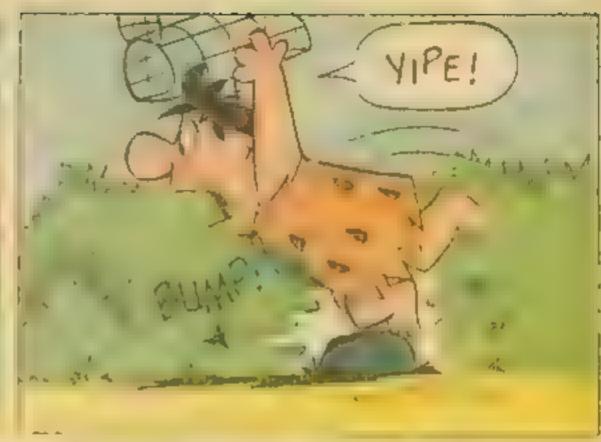










































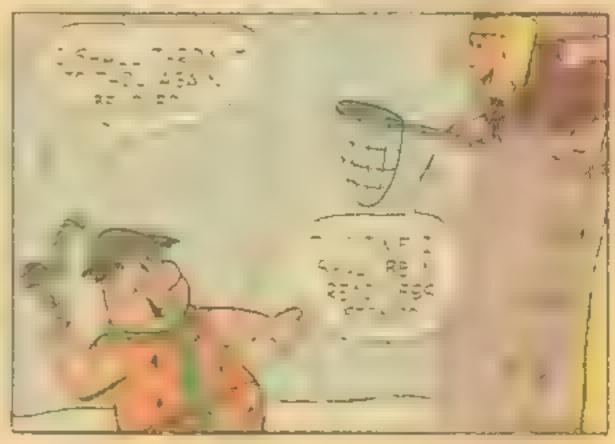






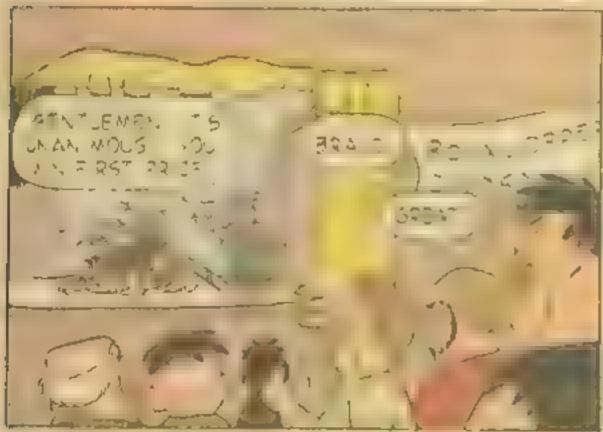




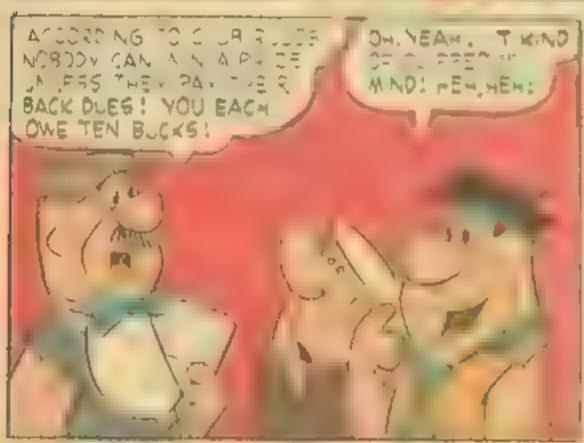
























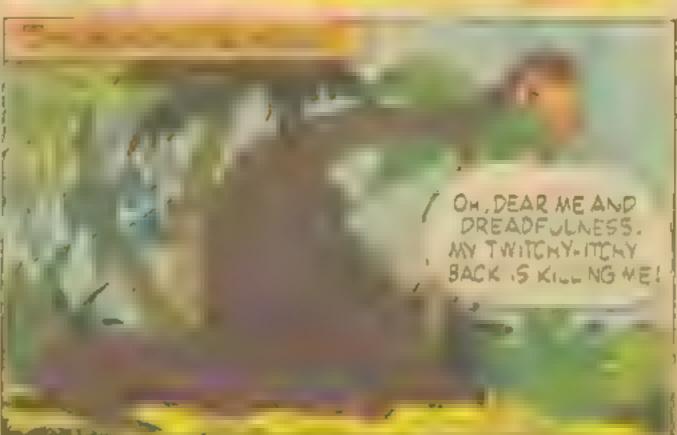
































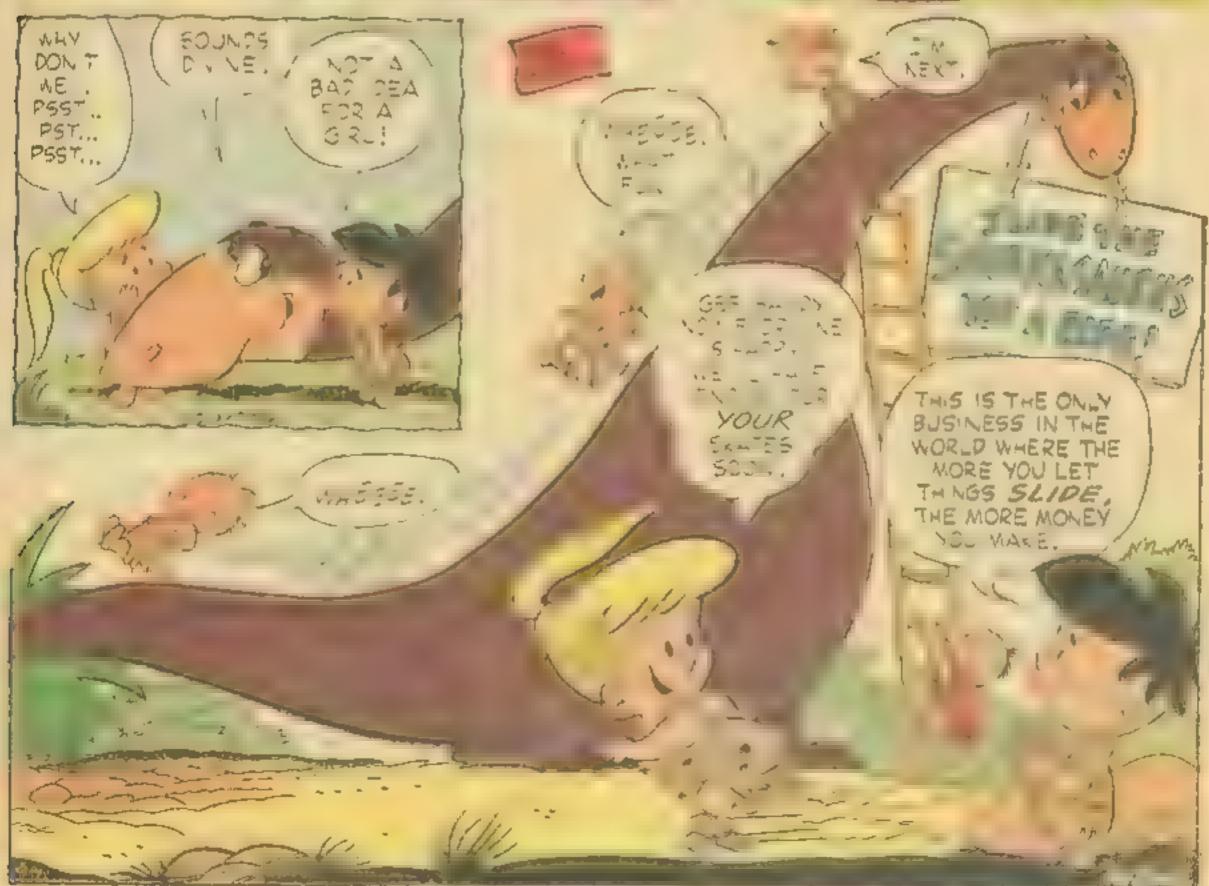














In the old days, men were astonished and frightened if they happened to come upon enormous bones half-buried in the earth. Wondering about these strange finds, wise men came to the very logical conclusion that once giants walked abroad in the land. On winter nights, around the fire, stories were told of a fantastic race of humans eighty feet tall—men who could crush entire armies with one blow. Children listened with awe to these tall tales, and grownups listened, too. Who would dare to scoff when there was proof positive the tales were true? Doubters were reminded of the enormous bones which had been found.

Today we know that giants indeed walked the earth, but they weren't human giants. They were the huge creatures we call dinosaurs, the largest land animals that ever lived, it was their great bones which inspired the old scare stories.

One of the biggest of the grants was Brontosaurus. The name means "thunder lizard" and it was given to this creature because scientists felt the earth must have thundered when the great lizard walked. Perhaps it did, for a healthy, full-grown Brontosaurus might be 60 feet long and weigh as much as 35 tons. It's very hard to tip-toe when you weigh 35 tons.

Brontosaurus lived about 100 million years ago in the Jurassic period. This might be called the golden age of dinosaurs, there were so many of them around. In addition to the thunder lizard, there was Diplogocus, a real heavyweight even among dinosaurs. Diplodocus was nearly 90 feet long, and so heavy that his legs were bowed.

The most enormous of all the dinosaurs was Brachiosaurus. He wasn't quite as long as Diplodocus, he usually measured only about 80 feet, give or take a foot or two; but he made up in bulk for what he lacked in length.

The casual observer might suspect that

the three giant lizards, Brontosaurus, Diplodocus, and Brachiosaurus were the tyrants of their time. The casual observer would be wrong. These great creatures were actually quite harmless. To begin with, they were all vegetarians. Their teeth weren't sharp and neither were their claws. Because of their great weight they were slow on their feet, so they spent most of their time in the lakes and marshes, where the water helped support their heavy bodies. There they are lush green weeds and concentrated on keeping a good safe distance from their sworn enemies, the smaller, faster, fiercer, meet-eating dinosaurs who preyed on the gentle giants.

The huge vegetarians were so terrified of the meat eaters that they just hated to come up on dry land. Supersized, timid old Brachiosaurus even developed a special evasive tactic. His nostrils were located on top of his head; he could keep completely submerged in water for long periods, out of sight of enemies, yet still breathing through his built-in snorkel.

Diplodocus had no built-in snorkel, but he spent a lot of time under water, too. He had to, for he lived on weeds scooped up from the bottom. A great deal of his 90-foot length was made of neck. His head and his mouth were extremely small. He had to eat like mad just to get enough food down that long neck to keep his huge body going.

In spite of their slowness and their timidity. Brontosaurus, Diplodocus, and Brachiosaurus inhabited this earth for about 30 million years. This is quite a long era, even for dinosaurs. But all things change and eventually the climate did. The air became cooler. The welcoming marshes dried up. The lush green vegetation withered. The great lizards couldn't adapt to the new conditions. They perished, leaving nothing but great bones to show that once, beyond memory, there were grants on the earth.

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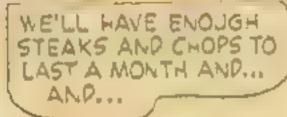






























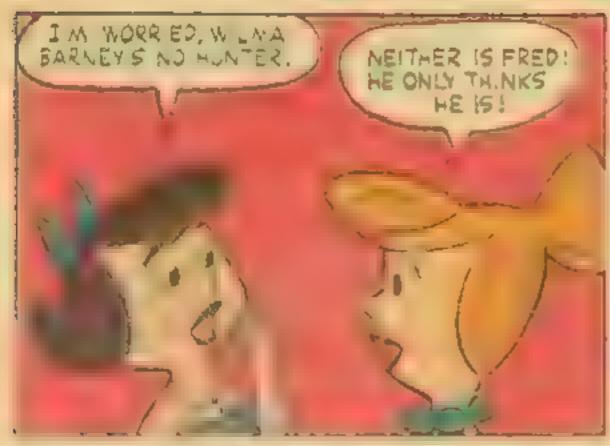












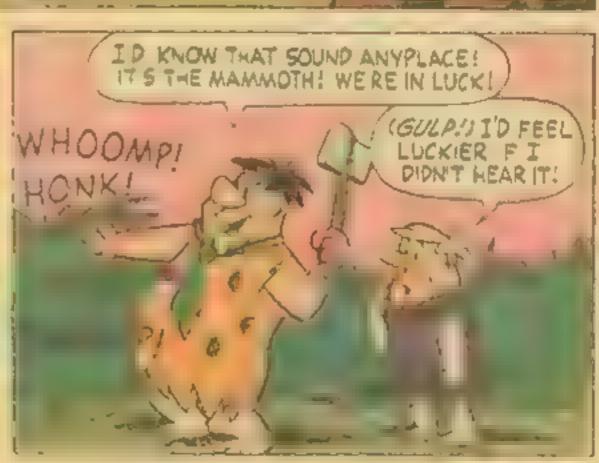
















































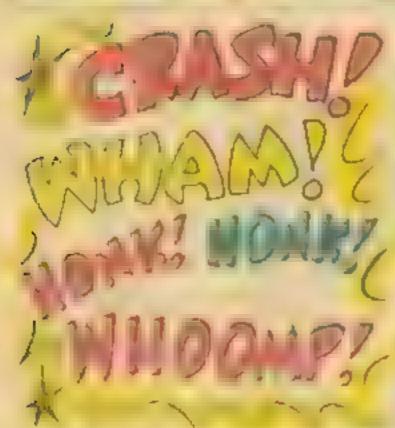












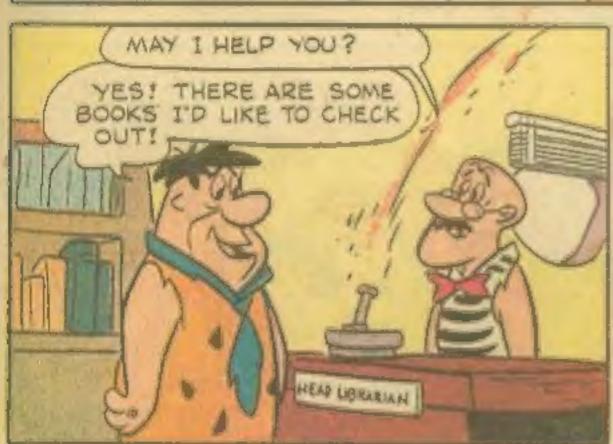






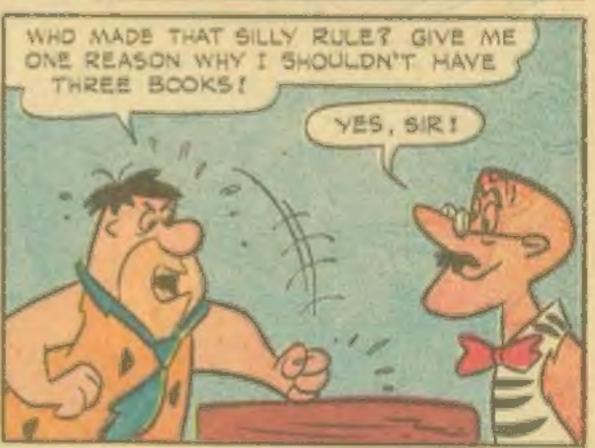
















HEH, HEH! WOMEN! THEY LAUGH AT MEN WHEN THEY DASH OFF TO A SPOT WHERE THEY HEAR THERE'S GOOD FISHING... BUT THEY DO THE SAME THING WITH HATS!













